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1. 8 DEC EDITION NEW YORK DAILY NEWS CARRIES STORY WITH
7 DEC SAIGON DATELINE OVER BYLINE OF JOSEPH FRIED RUN UNDER
HEADLINE "REDS ORDER PW'S TO NORTH."

2. OPERATIVE SENTENCES OF STORY FOLLOW:

"COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN
ORDERED TO DELIVER ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR
TO NORTH VIETNAM WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THEIR CAPTURE,
IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY.

"A SENIOR COMMUNIST DEFECTOR WHO RECENTLY
UNDERWENT ALLIED INTERROGATION SAID THE ORDER WAS
ISSUED BY THE HIGH COMMAND FOR COMMUNIST OPERATIONS
IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

"SAYS HE SAW DIRECTIVE

"THE DEFECTOR, A SENIOR POLITICAL CADRE, TOLD
INTERROGATORS HE SAW THE DIRECTIVE IN WHICH VIET

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TO THE NORTH.

"U.S. HEADQUARTERS LISTS 82 AMERICANS KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG, WITH 497
MISSING."

3. CAN YOU SHED ANY LIGHT ON BASIS FOR FRIED STORY, WHERE HE
GOT IT OR WHO IS THE ALLEGED DEFECTOR?

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Reds Order PWs to North

By JOSEPH FRIED

Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Saigon, Dec. 7.—Communist forces in South Vietnam have been ordered to deliver all American prisoners of war to North Vietnam within six months of their capture, it was disclosed today.

A senior Communist defector who recently underwent allied interrogation said the order was issued by the high command for Communist operations in South Vietnam.

Says He Saw Directive

The defector, a senior political cadre, told interrogators he saw the directive in which Viet Cong units were instructed to transfer, except in extreme cases, all Americans captured in the south to the north.

U.S. headquarters lists 82 Americans known to have been captured by the Viet Cong, with 497 missing.

South Vietnam ended one of its smaller operations inside Cambodia today, pulling back a 2,500-man task force which had fought for six days in the Kampong Trabek area.

The drive was credited with killing 45 Communists in fighting southeast of the Cambodian ferry landing at Neak Luong. Government casualties were put at eight dead and 29 wounded.

The return of the task force

to South Vietnam still leaves around 35,000 South Viet troops operating inside Cambodia.

Two Base Camps Shelled

Elsewhere in Cambodia, Red gunners shelled 2 South Vietna-

mese base camps manned by paratroopers six miles southwest of Dambe. The Communists hit the positions with 34 mortar rounds, but headquarters said they caused no casualties.